





New-Englands
RARITIES

Discovered:

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Birds, Beasts, Fishes, Serpents,
and *Plants* of that Country,

Together with

The *Physical* and *Chyrurgical* REMEDIES
wherewith the Natives constantly use to
Cure their DISTEMPERS, WOUNDS,
and SORES.

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A Perfect Description of an Indian SQUA,
in all her Bravery; with a POEM not
improperly conferr'd upon her.

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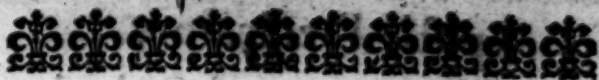
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To the highly obliging,
His honoured Friend and Kinsman,
SAMUEL FORTREY Esq;

S I R,

IT was by your assistance (enabling me) that I commenc'd a Voyage into those remote parts of the World (known to us by the painful Discovery of that memorable Gentleman Sir Fran. Drake.) Your bounty then and formerly hath engaged a retribution of my Gratitude, and not knowing how to testify the same unto you otherways, I have (although with some reluctancy) adventured to obtrude upon you these rude and indigested Eight Tears Observations, wherein whether I shall more shame my self or injure your accurate Judgment and better Employment in the perusal, is a question.

Epistle Dedicatory.

We read of Kings and Gods that
kindly took
A Pitcher fill'd with Water from
the Brook.

The Contemplation whereof (well
knowing your noble and generous Dis-
position) hath confirm'd in me the hope
that you will pardon my presumption,
and accept the tender of the fruits
of my Travel after this homely man-
ner, and my self as,

Six,

Your highly obliged,

most humble Servant,

John Josselyn.

JOHN CARTER BROWN



New-Englands

RARITIES

Discovered.

IN the year of our Lord 1663. *May* 28. upon an Invitation from my only Brother, I departed from *London*, and arrived at *Boston*, the chief Town in the *Massachusetts*, a Colony of *Englishmen* in *New-England*, the 28th of *July* following.

Boston (whose longitude is 315 deg. and 42 deg. 30 min. of North Latitude) is built on the South-west side of a Bay large enough for the Anchorage of 500 Sail of Ships, the Buildings are handsome, joyning one to the other as in *London*, with many large streets, most of them paved with pebble stone, in the high street towards the Common there are fair Buildings some of stone, and at the East End of the

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Town one amongst the rest, built by the
Shore by Mr. Gibb a Merchant, being a
stately Edifice, which it is thought will
stand him in little less than 3000 l. before
it be fully finished. The Town is not di-
vided into Parishes, yet they have three
fair Meeting-houses or Churches, which
hardly suffice to receive the Inhabitants
and Strangers that come in from all parts.

Having refreshed my self here for some
time, and opportunely lighting upon a
passage in a Bark belonging to a Friend
of my Brothers, and bound to the East-
ward, I put to Sea again, and on the Fif-
teenth of *August* I arrived at *Black point*,
otherwise called *Scarborow*, the habitation
of my beloved Brother, being about an
hundred leagues to the Eastward of *Boston*;
here I resided eight years, and made it my
business to discover all along the Natural,
Physical, and Chyrurgical Rarities of this
New-found World.

New-England is said to begin at 40 and
to end at 46 of Northerly Latitude, that
is from *de la Ware Bay* to *New-found-land*.

The Sea Coasts are accounted whol-
somest, the East and South Winds coming
from

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from Sea produceth warm weather, the Northwest coming over land causeth extremity of Cold, and many times strikes the Inhabitants both *English* and *Indian* with that sad Disease called there the Plague of the Back, but with us *Empiema*.

The Country generally is Rocky and Mountainous, and extremely overgrown with wood, yet here and there beautified with large rich Valleys, wherein are Lakes ten, twenty, yea sixty miles in compass, out of which our great Rivers have their Beginnings.

Fourscore miles (upon a direct line) to the Northwest of *Scarborow*, a Ridge of Mountains run Northwest and Northeast an hundred leagues, known by the name of the *White Mountains*, upon which lieth Snow all the year, and is a Land mark twenty miles off at Sea. It is rising ground from the Sea shore to these Hills, and they are inaccessible but by the Gullies which the dissolved Snow hath made; in these Gullies grow *Saven* Bushes, which being taken hold of are a good help to the climbing Discoverer, upon the top of the highest of these Mountains is a large Level

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or Plain of a days journey over, where on nothing grows but Moss; at the farther end of this Plain is another Hill called the *Sugar-loaf*, to outward appearance a rude heap of massie stones piled one upon another, and you may as you ascend step from one stone to another, as if you were going up a pair of stairs, but winding still about the Hill till you come to the top, which will require half a days time, and yet it is not above a Mile, where there is also a Level of about an Acre of ground, with a pond of clear water in the midst of it; which you may hear run down, but how it ascends is a mystery. From this rocky Hill you may see the whole Country round about; it is far above the lower Clouds, and from hence we beheld a Vapour (like a great Pillar) drawn up by the Sun Beams out of a great Lake or Pond into the Air, where it was formed into a Cloud. The Country beyond these Hills Northward is daunting terrible, being full of rocky Hills, as thick as Mole-hills in a Meadow, and cloathed with infinite thick Woods.

New-England is by some affirmed to be an Island, bounded on the North with the
River

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River *Canada* (so called from Monsieur *Cane*) on the South with the River *Adobegan* or *Hudsons* River, so called because he was the first that discovered it. Some will have *America* to be an Island, which out of question must needs be, if there be a Northeast passage found out into the South Sea, it contains 1152400000 Acres. The discovery of the Northwest passage (which lies within the River of *Canada*) was undertaken with the help of some Protestant *Frenchmen*, which left *Canada* and retired to *Boston* about the year 1669. The Northeast people of *America*, i.e. *New-England*, &c, are judged to be *Tartars* called *Samoades*, being alike in complexion, shape, habit, and manners, (see the *Globe* :) Their Language is very significant, using but few words, every word having a diverse signification, which is exprest by their gesture; as when they hold their head of one side the word signifieth one thing, holding their hand up when they pronounce it signifieth another thing. Their Speeches in their Assemblies are very gravely delivered, commonly in perfect *Hexameter* Verse, with great silence and attention, and answered again *ex tempore* after the same manner.

Having

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Having given you some short Notes concerning the Country in general, I shall now enter upon the proposed Discovery of the Natural, Physical, and Chyrurgical Rarities; and that I may methodically deliver them unto you, I shall cast them into this form: 1. Birds. 2. Beasts. 3. Fishes. 4. Serpents and Insects. 5. Plants, of these 1. such Plants as are common with us, 2. of such Plants as are proper to the Country, 3. of such Plants as are proper to the Country and have no name known to us, 4. of such Plants as have sprung up since the *English* Planted and kept Cattle there, 5. of such Garden Herbs (amongst us) as do thrive there and of such as do not, 6. Of Stones, Minerals, Metals, and Earths.

First, Of Birds.

The Humming Bird.

THe *Humming Bird*, the least of all Birds, little bigger than a *Doe*, of variable glittering Colours, they feed upon Honey, which they suck out of Blossoms and

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and Flowers with their long Needle-like Bills; they sleep all Winter, and are not to be seen till the Spring, at which time they breed in little Nests made up like a bottom of soft Silk-like matter, their Eggs no bigger than a white Pease, they hatch three or four at a time, and are proper to this Country.

The Troculus.

The *Troculus*, a small Bird, black and white, no bigger than a Swallow, the points of whose Feathers are sharp, which they stick into the sides of the Chymney (to rest themselves, their Legs being exceeding short) where they breed in Nests made like a Swallows Nest, but of a glewy substance, and which is not fastened to the Chymney as a Swallows Nest, but hangs down the Chymney by a clew-like string a yard long. They commonly have four or five young ones, and when they go away, which is much about the time that Swallows use to depart, they never fail to throw down one of their young Birds into the room by way of Gratitude. I have more than once observed, that against the ruin of the Family these Birds will suddenly forsake the house and come no more.

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The Pilhannaw.

The *Pilhannaw* or *Mechquan*, much like the description of the *Indian Rack*, a monstrous great Bird, a kind of Hawk, some say an Eagle, four times as big as a Goshawk, white Mail'd, having two or three purple Feathers in her head as long as Geeses Feathers they make Pens of, the Quills of these Feathers are purple, as big as Swans Quills and transparent; her Head is as big as a Childs of a year old, a very Princely Bird, when she soars abroad, all sort of feathered Creatures hide themselves, yet she never preys upon any of them, but upon *Fawns* and *Jaccals*: She Ayries in the Woods upon the high Hills of *Qssapy*, and is very rarely or seldome seen.

The Turkie.

The *Turkie*, who is blacker than ours; I have heard several credible persons affirm, they have seen *Turkie Cocks* that have weighed forty, yea sixty pound; but out of my personal experimental knowledge I can assure you, that I have eaten my share of a *Turkie Cock*, that when he was pull'd and garbidg'd, weighed thirty pound;

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pound; and I have also seen threescore broods of young *Turkies* on the side of a Marsh, sunning of themselves in a morning betimes, but this was thirty years since, the *English* and the *Indian* having now destroyed the breed, so that 'tis very rare to meet with a wild *Turkie* in the Woods; but some of the *English* bring up great store of the wild kind, which remain about their Houses as tame as ours in *England*.

The Goose.

The *Goose*, of which there are three kinds, the *Gray Goose*, the *White Goose*, and the *Brant*: The *Goose* will live a long time, I once found in a *White Goose* three Hearts, she was a very old one, and so tuff, that we gladly gave her over although exceeding well roasted.

The Bloody-Flux Cured.

A Friend of mine of good Quality living sometime in *Virginia* was sore troubled for a long time with the *Bloody-Flux*, having tryed several Remedies by the advice of his Friends without any good effect, at last was induced with a longing desire to drink the Fat Dripping of

of a Goose newly taken from the Fire, which absolutely cured him, who was in despair of ever recovering his health again.

The Gripe and Vulture.

The *Gripe*, which is of two kinds, the one with a white Head, the other with a black Head, this we take for the *Vulture*: They are both cowardly *Kites*, preying upon Fish cast up on the shore. In the year 1668. there was a great mortality of Eels in *Casco Bay*, thither resorted at the same time an infinite number of *Gripes*, insomuch that being shot by the Inhabitants they fed their Hogs with them for some weeks, at other times you shall seldom see above two or three in a dozen miles travelling. The Quill Feathers in their Wings make excellent Text Pens, and the Feathers of their Tail are highly esteemed by the *Indians* for their Arrows, they will not sing in flying; a *Gripes* Tail is worth a *Beavers* Skin up in the Country. *A Remedy for the Coldness and Pain of the Stomach.*

The Skin of a *Gripe* drest with the down on, is good to wear upon the Stomach for the Pain and Coldness of it.

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The Osprey.

The *Osprey*, which in this Country is white mail d.

A Remedy for the Tooth-ach.

Their Beaks excell for the Tooth-ach, picking the Gums therewith till they bleed.

The Wobble.

The *Wobble*, an ill shaped Fowl, having no long Feathers in their Pinions, which is the reason they cannot fly, not much unlike the *Penguin*, they are in the Spring very fat, or rather oily, but pull'd and garbidge'd, and laid to the Fire to roast, they yield not one drop.

For Aches.

Our way (for they are very soveraign for *Aches*) is to make Mummy of them, that is, to salt them well, and dry them in an earthen pot well glazed in an Oven; or else (which is the better way) to burn them under ground for a day or two, then quarter them and stew them in a Tin Stewpan with a very little water.

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The Loone.

The *Loone* is a Water Fowl, Calike in shape to the *Wobble*, and as virtul for Aches, which we order after the same manner.

The Owl.

The *Owl*, *Asio* *desia*, which are of three kinds, the great *Gray Owl* with Ears, the little *Gray Owl*, and the *White Owl* which is no bigger than a *Thrush*.

The Turkie Buzzard.

The *Turkie Buzzard*, a kind of *Kite*, but as big as a *Turkie*, brown of colour, and very good meat.

What Birds are not to be found in New-England.

Now by what the Country hath not, you may ghes at what it hath; it hath no *Nightingals*, nor *Larks*, nor *Bulfinches*, nor *Sparrows*, nor *Blackbirds*, nor *Magpies*,

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*pies, nor Jackdaws, nor Popinjays, nor
Rooks, nor Pheasants, nor Woodcocks, nor
Quails, nor Robins, nor Cuckoos, &c.*

Secondly, Of Beasts.

The Bear, which are generally black.

THe *Bear*, they live four months in
Caves, that is all Winter, in the Spring
they bring forth their young ones, they
seldome have above three Cubs in a litter,
are very fat in the Fall of the Leaf with
feeding upon Acorns, at which time they
are excellent Venison, their Brains are
venomous, they feed much upon water
Plantane in the Spring and Summer, and
Berries, and also upon a shell-fish called a
Horse-foot, and are never mankind, &c.
fierce, but in rutting time, and then they
walk the Country twenty, thirty, forty in
a company, making a hideous noise with
roaring, which you may hear a mile or
two before they come so near to endanger
the Traveller. About four years since,
Acorns being very scarce up in the Coun-
try, some numbers of them came down

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amongst the *English* Plantations, which generally are by the Sea side; at one Town called *Gorgiana* in the Province of *Mejn* (called also *New-Sommer-set-shire*) they kill'd fourscore.

For Aches and Cold Swellings.

Their Grease is very good for Aches and Cold Swellings, the *Indians* anoint themselves therewith from top to toe, which hardens them against the cold weather. A black Bears Skin heretofore was worth forty shillings, now you may have one for ten, much used by the *English* for Beds and Coverlets, and by the *Indians* for Coats.

For pain and lameness upon Cold.

One *Edw. Andrews* being foxt, and falling backward cross a Thought in a Shallop or Fisher-boat, and taking cold upon it, grew crooked, lame, and full of pain, was cured, lying one Winter upon Bears Skins newly flead off, with some upon him, so that he sweat every night.

The Wolf.

The *Wolf*, of which there are two kinds; one with a round ball'd Foot, and are

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are in shape like mungrel Mastiffs, the other with a flat Foot, these are liker Greyhounds, and are called *Deer Wolves*, because they are accustomed to prey upon *Deer*. A *Wolf* will eat a *Wolf* new dead, and so do Bears as I suppose, for their dead Carcases are never found, neither by the *Indian* nor *Englisb*. They go a clicketing twelve days, and have as many Whelps at a Litter as a Bitch. The *Indian Dog* is a Creature begotten 'twixt a *Wolf* and a *Fox*, which the *Indians* lighting upon, bring up to hunt the *Deer* with. The *Wolf* is very numerous, and go in companies, sometimes ten, twenty, more or fewer, and so, cunning, that seldome any are kill'd with Guns or Traps; but of late they have invented a way to destroy them, by binding four Mayeril Hooks a cross with a brown thread, and then wrapping some Wool about them, they dip them in melted Tallow till it be as round and as big as an Egg; these (when any Beast hath been kill'd by the *Wolves*) they scatter by the dead Carcase, after they have beaten off the *Wolves*; about Midnight the *Wolves* are sure to return again to the place where they left the slaughtered Beast, and the

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first thing they venture upon will be these balls of fat.

For old Aches.

A black *Wolfs* Skin is worth a *Beaver* Skin among the *Indians*, being highly esteemed for helping old Aches in old people, worn as a Coat; they ~~are~~ not mankind, as in *Ireland* and other Countries, but do much harm by destroying of our *English* Cattle.

The Ounce.

The Ounce or *Wild Cat*, is about the bigness of two lusty *Ram* Cats, preys upon *Deer* and our *English* Poultry: I once found six whole *Ducks* in the belly of one I killed by a *Pond* side: Their *Flesh* roasted is as good as *Lamb*, and as white.

For Aches and shrunk Sinews.

Their *Grease* is soveraign for all manner of *Aches* and *shrunk* *Siflows*: Their *Skins* are accounted good *Fur*, but somewhat coarse,

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The Raccoon.

The *Raccoon* liveth in hollow trees, and is about the size of a *Gib Cat*; they feed upon *Mais*, and do infest our *Indian* Corn very much; they will be exceeding fat in Autumn; their flesh is somewhat dark, but good food roasted.

For Bruises and Aches.

Their Fat is excellent for Bruises and Aches. Their Skins are esteemed a good deep Fur; but yet as the *Wild Cats* somewhat coarse.

The Porcupine.

The *Porcupine* in some parts of the Countrey Eastward, towards the *French*, are as big as an ordinary *Mungrel Cur*; a very angry Creature and dangerous, shooting a whole shower of Quills with a rowse at their enemies; which are of that nature, that wherever they stick in the flesh, they will work through in a short time if not prevented by pulling of them out. The *Indians* make use of their Quills, which are hardly a handful long, to adorn

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the edges of their birchen dishes, and weave (dying some of them red, others yellow and blew) curious bags or pouches, in works like *Turkie-work*.

The Beaver, Canis Ponticus, Amphybious.

The *Beaver*, whose old ones are as big as an *Otter*, or rather bigger, a Creature of a rare instinct, as may apparently be seen in their artificial Dam-heads to raise the water in the Ponds where they keep, and their houses having three stories, which would be too large to discourse: They have all of them four Cods hanging outwardly between their hinder legs, two of them are soft or oyley, and two solid or hard; the *Indians* say they are *Hermaphrodites*.

For Wind in the Stomach.

Their solid Cods are much used in Physick: Our *Englishwomen* in this Country use the powder grated, as much as will lye upon a shilling in a draught of *Fiol Wine*, for Wind in the Stomach and Belly, and venture many times in such cases to give it to Women with Child: Their Tails are flat, and covered with Scales without hair, which

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which being flead off, and the Tail boiled, proves exceeding good meat, being all Fat, and as sweet as Marrow.

The Moose Deer.

The Moose Deer, which is a very goodly Creature, some of them twelve foot high, with exceeding fair Horns with broad Palms, some of them two fathom from the tip of one Horn to the other; they commonly have three *Fawns* at a time; their flesh is not dry like Deers flesh, but moist and luscious somewhat like Horse flesh (as they judge that have tasted of both) but very wholesome. The flesh of their *Fawns* is an incomparable dish, beyond the flesh of an Asses Foal so highly esteemed by the *Romans*, or that of young Spaniel Puppies so much cried up in our days in *France* and *England*.

Moose Horns better for Physick use than

Harts Horns.

Their Horns are far better (in my opinion) for Physick than the Horns of other Deer, as being of a stronger nature: As for their Claws, which both *Englishmen* and *French* make use of for *Elk*, I cannot approve

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approve so to be from the Effects, having had some trial of it; besides, all that write of the *Elk*, describe him with a tuft of hair on the left Leg behind, a little above the pastern joynt on the outside of the Leg, not unlike the tuft (as I conceive) that groweth upon the Breast of a *Turkie Cock*, which I could never yet see upon the Leg of a *Moose*, and I have seen some number of them.

For Children breeding Teeth.

The *Indian Webbes* make use of the broad Teeth of the *Fawns* to hang about their Childrens Neck when they are breeding of their Teeth. The Tongue of a grown *Moose*, dried in the smoak after the *Indian* manner, is a dish for a *Sagamore*.

The Maccarib.

The *Maccarib*, *Caribo*, or *Pohano*, a kind of Deer, as big as a Stag, round hooved, smooth hair'd and soft as silk; their Horns grow backwards a long their backs to their rumps, and turn again a handful beyond their Nose, having another Horn in the middle of their Forehead, about half a yard long, very straight, but wreathed

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wreathed like an *Unicorns* Horn, of a brown jettie colour, and very smooth; The Creature is no where to be found, but upon *Cape Sable* in the *French* Quarters, and there too very rarely, they being not numerous, some few of their Skins and their streight Horns are (but very sparingly) brought to the *English*.

The Fox.

The *Fox*, which differeth not much from ours, but are somewhat less; a black *Fox* Skin heretofore was wont to be valued at fifty and sixty pound, but now you may have them for twenty shillings; indeed there is not any in *New-England* that are perfectly black, but silver hair'd, that is sprinkled with grey hairs.

The *Jaccal*.

The *Jaccal*, is a Creature that hunts the *Lions* prey, a shrew'd sign that there are *Lions* upon the Continent; there are those that are yet living in the Countrey, that do constantly affirm; that about six or seven and thirty years since an *Indian* shot

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shot a young *Lion*, sleeping upon the body of an Oak blown up by the roots, with an Arrow, not far from Cape *Anne*, and sold the Skin to the *English*. But to say something of the *Jaccal*, they are ordinarily less than *Foxes*, of the colour of a gray Rabber, and do not scent nothing near so strong as a *Fox*; some of the *Indians* will eat of them: Their Grease is good for all that *Fox* Grease is good for, but weaker; they are very numerous.

The Hare.

The *Hare* in *New-England* is no bigger than our *English* Rabbers, of the same colour, but withall having yellow and black strokes down the ribs; in Winter they are milk white, and as the Spring approacheth they come to their colour; when the Snow lies upon the ground they are very bitter with feeding upon the bark of Spruce, and the like.

Thirdly,

Thirdly, Of Fishes.

Pliny and Isadore write there are not above 144 Kinds of Fishes, but to my knowledge there are nearer 300 : I suppose *America* was not known to *Pliny* and *Isadore*.

A Catalogue of Fish, that is, of those that are to be seen between the English Coast and America, and those proper to the Countrey.

Alderling.

Alize, Alewife, because great belled;

Olafle, Oldwife, Allow.

Anchova or Sea Minnow.

Aleport.

Albicore.

Barble.

Barracha.

Barracoutha, a Fish peculiar to the West-Indies.

Barsticle.

Basse.

Sea Bishop, proper to the Norway Seas.

River

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River Bleak or Bley, a River Swallow.

Sea Bleak or Bley, or Sea Camelion.

Blew Fish or Hound Fish, two kinds, speckled Hound Fish, and blew Hound Fish called Horse Fish.

Bonito or Dozado, or Spanish Dolphin.

River Bream.

Sea Bream.

Cud Bream.

Bullhead or Indian Muscle.

River Bulls.

Barfish.

Burret.

Cackarel or Laxe.

Calemarie or Sea Clerk.

Catfish.

Carp.

Chare, a Fish proper to the River Wimander in Lancashire.

Sea Chough.

Chub or Chevin.

Cony Fish.

Clam or Clamp.

Sea Cob.

Cockes, or Coggles, or Coquil.

Cook Fish.

Rock Cod.

Sea Cod or Sea Whiting.

Crab,

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Crab, divers kinds, as the *Sea Crab*, *Boat-fish*, *River Crab*, *Sea Lion*, &c.

Sea Cucumber.

Spec. *Conger* or *Sea Eel*.

Fish *Cunner* or *Sea Roach*.

Cnr.

Carrier, *Post*, or *Lacquey* of the *Sea*.

Crampfish or *Torpedo*.

Cuttle, or *Sleeves*, or *Sea Angler*.

Clupea, the *Tunnies* enemy.

Sea Carnet.

Cornuta or *Horned Fish*.

Dace, *Dare*, or *Dart*.

Sea Dart, *Javelins*.

Dogfish or *Tubarone*.

Dolphin.

Dorce.

Dorrie, *Goldfish*.

nder *Golden-eye*, *Gilt-pole*, or *Godline*, *Yellow-heads*.

Sea Dragon or *Sea Spider*, *Quaviner*.

Drum, a Fish frequent in the *West Indies*.

Sea Emperour or *Sword Fish*.

Eel, of which divers kinds.

Sea Elephant, the *Leather* of this Fish will never rot, excellent for *Thongs*.

Ears of the *Sea*.

Flayl Fish.

rab, *Flounder*.

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Flounder or Flook, the young ones are called *Dabs*.

Sea Flounder or Flowre.

Sea Fox.

Frogfish.

Frostfish.

Frutola, a broad plain Fish with a Tail like a half Moon.

Sea Flea.

Gallyfish.

Grandpiss or Herring Hog, this, as all Fish of extraordinary size, are accounted Regal Fishes.

Grayling.

Greedigut.

Groundling.

Gudgin.

Gulf.

Sea Grape.

Gull.

Gurnard.

Hake.

Hackle or Sticklebacks.

Haddock.

Horse Foot or Asses Hoof.

Herring.

Hallibut or Sea Pheasant. Some will have the *Turbut* all one, others distinguish them,

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them, calling the young Fish of the first *Buttis*, and of the other *Birt*. There is no question to be made of it but that they are distinct kinds of Fish.

Sea Hare.

Sea Hawk.

Hartfish.

Sea Hermit.

Henfish.

Sea Hind.

Hornbeak, Sea Ruff and Reeves.

Sea Horseman.

Hog or Flying Fish.

Sea Kite or Flying Swallow.

Lampret or Lamprel.

Lampreys or Lamprones.

Limpin.

Living Sea Beef; the smaller sort is called Cusk.

Sea Lanthorn.

Sea Liver.

Lobster.

Sea Lizard.

Sea Locusts.

Lump, Poddle, or Sea Owl.

Lanter.

Lux, peculiar to the River Rhine.

Sea Lights.

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Luna,

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Luna, a very small Fish, but exceeding beautiful, broad bodied and blewish of colour, when it swims, the Fins make a Circle like the Moone.

Maycril.

Maid.

Manatee.

Mola, a Fish like a lump of Flesh, taken in the Venetian Sea.

Millers Thumb, Mulcet or Pollard.

Molefish.

Minnow, called likewise a *Pink*; the same name is given to young *Salmon*; it is called also a *Wetlin*.

Monkefish.

Morse, River or Sea Horse, fresh water Mullet.

Sea Mullet, Botargo or Pofargo is made of their Spawn.

Muscle, divers kinds.

Navelfish.

Nunfish.

Needlefish.

Sea Nettle.

Oyster.

Oculata.

Perch or River Partridge.

Pollack.

Piper

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Piper or Gavefish.

Periwig.

Periwinkle or Sea Snail or Whelk.

Pike, or Fresh-water Wolf, or River Wolf,

Luce and Lucerne, which is an overgrown Pike.

Pilchard, when they are dried as Red Herrings they are called *Fumquats*.

Pilot Fish.

Plaice or Sea Sparrow.

Polipe or Pour-Contrel.

Porpuise or Porpiss, Molebut, Sea Hog,

Sus Marinus, Tursion.

Priest Fish or Sea Priest.

Prawn or Crangone.

Punger.

Patella.

Powt, the Feathered Fish, or Fork Fish.

River Powt.

Pursefish or Indian Reversu, like an Eel,

having a Skin on the hinder part of her Head, like a Purse, with strings, which will open and shut.

Parratfish.

Purplefish.

Porgee.

Remora, or Suck Stone, or Stop Ship.

Sea Raven.

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Roch or Roach.

Rochet or Rouget.

Ruff or Pope.

Sea Ram.

Salmon.

Sailfish.

Scallops or Venial Cocks.

Scate, or Ray, or Gristlefish; of which divers kinds, as sharp (nowted Ray, Rock Ray, &c.

Shad.

Shallow.

Sharpling.

Spurling.

Sculpin.

Sheephead.

Soles, or Tonguefish, or Sea Capon, or Sea Partridge.

Seal, or Soil, or Zeal.

Sea Calf, and (as some will have it) Mole but.

Sheathfish.

Sea Scales.

Sturgeon, of the Roe of this Fish, they make Caviare or Cavialtie.

Shark or Bunch, several kinds.

Smelt.

Snaccot.

Shrimp

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Shrimp.

Spyfish.

Spitfish.

Sprat.

Spongefish.

Squill.

Squid.

Sunfish.

Starfish.

Swordfish.

Tench.

Thornback or Neptunes Beard.

Thunnie, they cut the Fish in pieces like shingles and powder it, and this they call *Melandaria*.

Sea Toad.

Tortoise, Torteise, Tortuga, Tortisse, Turtle or *Turtle*, of divers kinds.

Trout.

Turbut.

Sea Tun.

Sea Tree.

Uraniscopus.

Ulatife or *Sawfish*, having a Saw in his Forehead three foot long, and very sharp.

Umber.

Sea Urchin.

Sea

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Sea Unicorn or Sea Mononeros.

Whale, many kinds.

Whiting or Merling, the young ones are called Weerlings and Mops.

Whore.

Yardfish, Asses Prick or Shamefish.

The Sturgeon.

The *Sturgeon*, of whose Sounds is made Icinglass, a kind of Grew much used in Phylick: This Fish is here in great plenty, and in some Rivers so numerous, that it is hazardous for Canots and the like small Vessels to pass to and again, as in *Pechipsen* River to the Eastward.

The Cod.

The *Cod*, which is a staple Commodity in the Country.

To stop Fluxes of Blood,

In the Head of this Fish is found a Stone, or rather a Bone, which being pulveriz'd and drank in any convenient liquor, will stop Womens overflowing Courses notably: Likewise,

For

For the Stone.

There is a Stone found in their Bellies, in a Bladder against their Navel, which being pulveriz'd and drank in White-wine Posset or Ale, is present Remedy for the Stone.

To heal a green Cut.

About their Fins you may find a kind of Lowse, which healeth a green Cut in short time.

To restore them that have melted their Grease.

Their Livers and Sounds eaten, is a good Medicine for to restore them that have melted their Grease.

The Dogfish.

The Dogfish, a ravenous Fish.

For the Toothach.

Upon whose Back grows a Thorn two or three Inches long, that helps the Toothach, scarifying the Gums therewith.

Their Skins are good to cover Boxes and Instrument Cases.

The Stingray.

The *Stingray*, a large Fish, of a rough Skin, good to cover Boxes and Hafts of Knives, and Rapier sticks.

The Tortois.

The *Turtle* or *Tortois*, of which there are three kinds: 1. The *Land Turtle*; they are found in dry sandy Banks, under old Houses, and never go into the water.

For the *Ptisick*, *Consumption*, and *Morbus Gallicus*.

They are good for the *Ptisick* and *Consumptions*, and some say the *Morbus Gallicus*.

2. The *River Turtle*, which are venomous and stink.

3. The *Turtle* that lives in Lakes and is called in *Virginia* a *Terrapine*.

The Soile.

The *Soile* or *Sea Calf*, a Creature that brings forth her young ones upon dry land, but at other times keeps in the Sea preying upon Fish.

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For Scalds and Burns, and for the Mother.

The Oyl of it is much used by the Indians, who eat of it with their Fish, and anoint their limbs therewith, and their Wounds and Sores: It is very good for Scalds and Burns; and the fume of it, being cast upon Coals, will bring Women out of the Mother Firs. The Hair upon the young ones is white, and as soft as silk; their Skins, with the Hair on, are good to make Gloves for the Winter.

The Sperma Ceti Whale.

The *Sperma Ceti Whale* differeth from the *Whales* that yield us Whale-bones, for the first hath great and long Teeth, the other is nothing but Bones with Tassels hanging from their Jaws, with which they suck in their prey.

What Sperma Ceti is.

It is not long since a *Sperma Ceti Whale* or two were cast upon the shore, not far from *Boston* in the *Massachusetts Bay*, which being cut into small pieces and boiled in Cauldrons, yielded plenty of Oyl; the Oyl put up into Hogsheads, and stow'd into Cellars for some time, Candies at the bottom,

bottom, it may be one quarter; then the Oyl is drawn off, and the Candied Stuff put up into convenient Vessels is sold for *Sperma Ceti*, and is right *Sperma Ceti*.

For Bruises and Aches.

The Oyl that was drawn off Candies again and again, if well ordered; and is admirable for Bruises and Aches.

What Ambergreece is.

Now you must understand this *Whale* feeds upon *Ambergreece*, as is apparent, finding it in the *Whales* Maw in great quantity, but altered and excrementitious: I conceive that *Ambergreece* is no other than a kind of Mushroom growing at the bottom of some Seas; I was once shewed (by a Mariner) a piece of *Ambergreece* having a root to it like that of the land Mushroom, which the *Whale* breaking up, some scape his devouring Paunch, and is afterwards cast upon shore.

The Coccle.

A kind of *Coccle*, of whose Shell the *Indians* make their Beads called *Wompampeag* and *Mohaicks*, the first are white, the other blew, both Orient, and beautified

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tified with a purple Vein. The white Beads are very good to stanch Blood.

The Scarlet Muscle.

The *Scarlet Muscle*, at *Paschatawey* a Plantation about fifty leagues by Sea Eastward from *Boston*, in a small Cove called *Bakers Cove* there is found this kind of *Muscle* which hath a purple Vein, which being prickd with a Needle yieldeth a perfect purple or scarlet juice, dying Linnen so that no washing will wear it out, but keeps its lustre many years: We mark our Handkerchiefs and Shirts with it.

Fish of greatest Esteem in the West-Indies.

The *Indians* of *Pera* esteem of three Fishes more than any other, viz. the *Sea Tortoise*, the *Tubaron*, and the *Manate* or *Sea Cow*; but in *New-England* the *Indians* have in greatest request, the *Bass*, the *Sturgeon*, the *Salmon*, the *Lamprey*, the *Eel*, the *Frost-fish*, the *Lobster* and the *Clam*.

Fourthly,

Fourthly, Of Serpents, and
Insects.*The Pond Frog.*

THe Pond Frog, which chirp in the Spring like *Sparrows*, and croke like Toads in Autumn: Some of these when they set upon their breech are a Foot high; the *Indians* will tell you, that up in the Country there are Pond Frogs as big as a Child of a year old.

For Burns, Scalds, and Inflammations.

They are of a glistering brass colour, and very fat, which is excellent for Burns and Scaldings, to take out the Fire, and heal them, leaving no Scar; and is also very good to take away any Inflammation.

The Rattle Snake.

The Rattle Snake, who poysons with a Vapour that comes thorough two crooked Fangs in their Mouth; the hollow of these Fangs are as black as Ink: The *Indians*, when weary with travelling, will take

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take them up with their bare hands, laying hold with one hand behind their Head, with the other taking hold of their Tail, and with their teeth tear off the Skin of their Backs, and feed upon them alive; which they say refresheth them.

For frozen Limbs, Aches, and Bruises.

They have Leafs of Fat in their Bellies, which is excellent to annoint frozen Limbs, and for Aches and Bruises wondrous sovereign. Their Hearts swallowed fresh is a good Antidote against their Venomey, and their Liver (the Gall taken out) bruised and applied to their Bitings is a present Remedy.

Of Insects.

A Bug.

There is a certain kind of *Bug* like a *Beetle*, but of a glistering brasse colour, with four strong Tinsel Wings; their Bodies are full of Corruption or white Matter like a Maggot; being dead, and kept a while, they will stench odiously; they beat the *Humming Birds* from the Flowers.

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The Wasp.

The *Wasps* in this Countrey are pied, black and white, breed in Hives made like a great Pine Apple, their entrance is at the lower end, the whole Hive is of an Ash Colour, but of what matter its made no man knows, Wax it is not, neither will it melt nor fry, but will take fire suddenly like Tinder. This they fasten to a Bow, or build is round about a low Bushy a Foot from the ground.

The flying Gloworm.

The flying *Gloworm*, flying in dark Summer Nights like sparks of Fire in great number; they are common likewise in *Palestina*.

Fifty,

Fifthly, Of Plants.

AND

I. Of such Plants as are common with
us in ENGLAND.

H Edghog-grass.
Mattweed.

Cats-tail.

Stichwort, commonly taken here by
ignorant People for *Eyebright*; it blows in
June.

Blew Flower-de-lace; the roots are not
knobby, but long and streight, and very
white, with a multitude of strings.

To provoke Vomit and for Bruises.

It is excellent for to provoke Vomiting,
and for Bruises on the Feet or Face, They
Flower in June, and grow upon dry sandy
Hills as well as in low wet Grounds.

Yellow bastard Daffodill; it flowereth
in May, the green leaves are spotted with
black spots.

Dogstones, a kind of *Satyrion*, whereof
there are several kinds groweth in our Salt
Marishes.

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To procure Love.

I once took notice of a wanton Womans compounding the solid Roots of this Plant with Wine, for an Amorous Cup, which wrought the desired effect.

Watercresses.

Red Lillies grow all over the Country innumeraibly amongst the small Bushes, and flower in *June*.

Wild Sorrel.

Alders Tongue comes not up till *June*; I have found it upon dry hilly grounds, in places where the water hath stood all Winter, in *August*, and did then make Oyntment of the Herb new gathered; the fairest Leaves grow amongst *Shorn Hawthorn* Bushes, that are plentifully growing in such hollow places.

One Blade.

Lilly Convallie, with the yellow Flowers, grows upon rocky banks by the Sea.

Water Plantane, here called *Water-suck-leaves*.

For Burns and Scalds, and to draw Water out of swell'd Legs.

It is much used for Burns and Scalds, and to draw water out of swell'd Legs. *Beasts* feed much upon this Plant, so do the *Moose Deer*.

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Sea Plantane, three kinds.

Small-water Archer.

Autumn Bell Flower.

White Hellibore, which is the first Plant that springs up in this Country, and the first that withers; it grows in deep black Mould and Wet, in such abundance, that you may in a small compass gather whole Cart-loads of it.

Wounds and Aches Cured by the Indians.

For the Tooth-ach. For Herpes miliaris.

The Indians Cure their Wounds with it, annointing the Wound first with *Raccoons* greese; or *Wild-Cats* greese; and strewing upon it the powder of the Roots; and for Aches they scarifie the grieved part, and annoint it with one of the fotesaid Oyls, then strew upon it the powder. The powder of the Root put into a hollow Tooth, is good for the Tooth-ach. The Root sliced thin and boyled in Vineager, is very good against *Herpes Milliaris*.

Arsmart, both kinds.

Spurge-Tine, it grows upon dry sandy Sea Banks, and is very like to *Rupier-wort*, it is full of Milk.

Rupier-wort, with the white flower.

Jagged Rose-penny-wort.

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Soda

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Soda bariglia, or *Massacote*, the Ashes of Soda, of which they make Glasses.

Glass-wort, here called *Berrolia*, it grows abundantly in Salt Marshes.

St. John's Wort.

St. Peter's Wort.

Speed-well Chick-weed.

Male-fuellin, or *Speed-well*.

Upright Peniroyal.

Wild-Mint.

Cat-Mint.

Egrimony.

The lesser *Clot-Bur*.

Water Lilly, with yellow Flowers, the Indians Eat the Roots, which are long a boiling, they tast like the Liver of a Sheep, the Moose Deer feed much upon them, at which time the Indians kill them, when their heads are under water.

Dragons, their leaves differ from all the kinds with us, they come up in June.

Violets of three kinds, the White Violet which is sweet, but not so strong as our Blew Violets; Blew Violets without sent, and a Reddish Violet without sent; they do not blow till June.

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For swell'd Legs.

Wood-bine, good for hot swellings of the Legs, fomenting with the decoction, and applying the *Feces* in the form of a *Cataplasme*.

Salomons-Seal, of which there is three kinds; the first common in *England*, the second, *Virginia Salomons-Seal*, and the third, differing from both, is called *Treacle Berries*, having the perfect tast of *Treacle* when they are ripe; and will keep good along while; certainly a very wholesome Berry, and medicinal.

Doves-Foot.

Herb Robert.

Knobby Cranes Bill.

For Agues.

Ravens-Claw, which flowers in *May*; and is admirable for Agues.

Sinkfoil.

Tormentile.

Avens, with the leaf of *Mountain-Avens*, the flower and root of *English Avens*.

Strawberries.

Wild Angelica, *majoris* and *minoris*.

Alexanders, which grow upon Rocks by the Sea shore.

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Yellow

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Yarrow, with the white Flower.

Columbines, of a flesh colour, growing upon Rocks.

Oak of Hierusalem.

Achariston is an excellent Medicine for stopping of the Lungs upon Cold, Ptisick, &c.

Oak of Cappadocia, both much of a nature, but *Oak of Hierusalem* is stronger in operation; excellent for stuffing of the Lungs upon Colds, shortness of Wind, and the Ptisick; maladies that the Natives are often troubled with: I. helped several of the *Indians* with a Drink made of two Gallons of *Molosses wort*, (for in that part of the Country where I abode, we made our Beer of Molosses, Water, Bran, chips of *Sassafras* Root, and a little Wormwood, well boiled,) into which I put of *Oak of Hierusalem*, Cat-mint, Sowthistle, of each one handful, of *Enula Campana* Root one Ounce, Liquorice scrap'd bruised and cut in peices, one Ounce, *Sassafras* Root cut into thin chips, one Ounce, Anny-seed and sweet Fennel-seed, of each one Spoonful bruised; boil these in a close Pot, upon a soft Fire to the consumption of one Gallon, then take it off, and strein it gently; you may if you will boyl

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boil the streined liquor with Sugar to a Syrup, then when it is Cold, put it up into Glasse Bottles, and take thereof three or four Spoonfuls at a time, letting it run down your throat as leasurely as possibly you can; do thus in the morning, in the Afternoon, and at Night going to bed.

Goose-Grass, or Clivers.

Fearn,

Brakes.

Wood-sorrel, with the yellow flower.

Elms.

Line Tree, both kinds.

A way to draw out Oyl of Akorns, or the like, &c.

Maple, of the Ashes of this Tree the Indians make a lye, with which they force out Oyl from Oak Akorns that is highly esteemed by the Indians.

Dew-Grass.

Earth-Nut, which are of divers kinds, one bearing very beautiful Flowers.

Fus-Balls, very large.

Mushrooms, some long and no bigger than ones finger, others jagged flat, round, none like our great Mushrooms in England, of these some are of a Scarlet colour, others a deep Yellow, &c. Blew

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Blew flowered *Pimpernel*.

Noble *Liver-wort*, one sort with white flowers, the other with blew.

Black-Berry.

Dew-Berry.

Rasp-Berry, here called *Mul-berry*,

Goose-Barries, of a deep red Colour.

Haw-thorn, the Flaws being as big as Services, and very good to eat, and not so astringent as the Haws in *England*.

Toad flax.

Pellamont, or Mountain time.

Mouse-ear Minor.

The making of Oyl of *Akrons*. To strengthen weak Members. For Scall'd-heads.

There is Oak of three kinds, white, red and black, the white is excellent to make Canoes of, Shallopes, Ships, and other Vessels for the Sea, and for Claw-board, and Pipe-staves, the black is good to make Waynscof of; and out of the white Oak Acorns, (which is the Acorn Bears delight to feed upon): The Natives draw an Oyl, taking the rottenest Maple Wood, which being burnt to ashes, they make a strong Lye therewith, wherein they boyl their white Oak-Acorns until the Oyl swim on the top in great quantity; this they

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they fleet off, and put into bladders to anoint their naked Limbs, which corroborates them exceedingly; they eat it likewise with their Meat, it is an excellent clear and sweet Oyl: Of the Moss that grows at the roots of the white Oak the *Indeffes* make a strong decoction, with which they help their *Papoufes* or young Childrens scall'd Heads.

Juniper, which *Cardanus* saith is Cedar in hot Countries, and Juniper in cold Countries; it is hear very dwarfish and shrubby, growing for the most part by the Sea side.

Willow.

Spurge Lawrel, called here *Poyson berry*, it kills the *English* Cattle if they chance to feed upon it, especially Calves.

Gaul, or noble Mirtle.

Elder.

Dwarf Elder.

For a Cut with a Bruise.

Alder; An *Indian* Bruising and Cutting of his Knee with a fall, used no other remedy, than *Alder* Bark chewed fasting, and laid to it, which did soon heal it.

To take Fire out of a Burn.

The decoction is also excellent to take

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the Fire out of a Burn or Scald.

For Wounds and Cuts.

For Wounds and Cuts make a strong decoction of Bark of Alder, pour of it into the Wound, and drink thereof.

Hasel.

For sore Mouths, falling of the Pallat.

Filberd, both with hairy husks upon the Nuts, and setting hollow from the Nut, and fill'd with a kind of water of an astringent taste; it is very good for sore Mouths, and falling of the Pallat, as is the whole green Nut before it comes to Kernel, burnt and pulverized. The Kernels are seldom without maggots in them.

The Figure of the Walnut.



Walnut; the Nuts differ much from ours in *Europe*, they being smooth, much like a Nutmeg in shape, and not much bigger, some three cornered, all of them but thinly replenished with Kernels.

Chestnuts,

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Chestnuts; very sweet in taste, and may be (as they usually are) eaten raw; the *Indians* sell them to the *English* for twelve Pence the bushel.

Beech.

Ash.

Quick-beam, or Wild-Ash.

Coals of *Birch* pulverized and wrought with the white of an *Egg* to a Salve, is a gallant Remedy for dry scurfy Sores upon the *Shins*; and for Bruised Wounds and Cuts.

Birch, white and black; the bark of *Birch* is used by the *Indians* for bruised Wounds and Cuts, boyled very tender, and stamp't betwixt two stones to a Plaister, and the decoction thereof poured into the Wound; And also to fetch the Fire out of Burns and Scalds.

Poplar, but differing in leaf.

Plumb Tree, several kinds, bearing some long, round, white, yellow, red, and black Plums; all differing in their Fruit from those in *England*.

Wild Purcelane.

Wood-wax, wherewith they dye many pretty Colours.

Red and Black *Currans*.

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For the Gout, or any Ach.

Spunk, an excrescence growing out of black Birch, the *Indians* use it for Touchwood; and therewith they help the *Sciatica*, or Gout of the Hip, or any great Ach, burning the Patient with it in two or three places upon the Thigh, and upon certain Veins.

2. Of such Plants as are proper to the Country.

To ripen any Impostume or Swelling. For sore Mouths. The New-Englands standing Dish.

Indian Wheat, of which there is three sorts, yellow, red, and blew; the blew is commonly Ripe before the other a Month: Five or Six Grains of Indian Wheat hath produced in one year 600. It is hotter than our Wheat and clammy; excellent in *Cataplasms* to ripen any Swelling or impostume. The decoction of the blew Corn, is good to wash sore Mouths with: It is light of digestion, and the *English* make a kind of Loblolly of it,

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to eat with Milk, which they call *Sampe*; they beat it in a Morter, and sift the flower out of it; the remainder they call *Homminney*, which they put into a Pot of two or three Gallons, with Water, and boyl it upon a gentle Fire till it be like a Hasty Pudden; they put of this into Milk, and so eat it. Their Bread also they make of the *Homminney* so boiled, and mix their Flower with it, cast it into a deep Bason in which they form the Loaf, and then turn it out upon the Peel, and presently put it into the Oven before it spreads abroad; the Flower makes excellent Puddens.

Bastard Calamus Aromaticus, agrees with the description, but is not barren; they flower in *July*, and grow in wet places, as about the brinks of Ponds.

To keep the Feet warm.

The *English* make use of the Leaves to keep their Feet warm. There is a little Beast called a *Muskquash*, that liveth in small Houses in the Ponds, like Mole Hills, that feed upon these Plants; their Cods sent as sweet and as strong as Musk, and will last along time handsomly wrap'd up in Cotton wool; they are very good to lay amongst Cloaths. *May* is the best time

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time to kill them, for then their Gods sent strongest.

Wild-Leekes, which the *Indians* use much to eat with their fish.

A Plant like *Knavers-Mustard*, called *New-England Mustard*.

Mountain-Lillies, bearing many yellow Flowers, turning up their Leaves like the *Martigon*, or *Turks Cap*, spotted with small spots as deep as *Saffron*; they Flower in *July*.

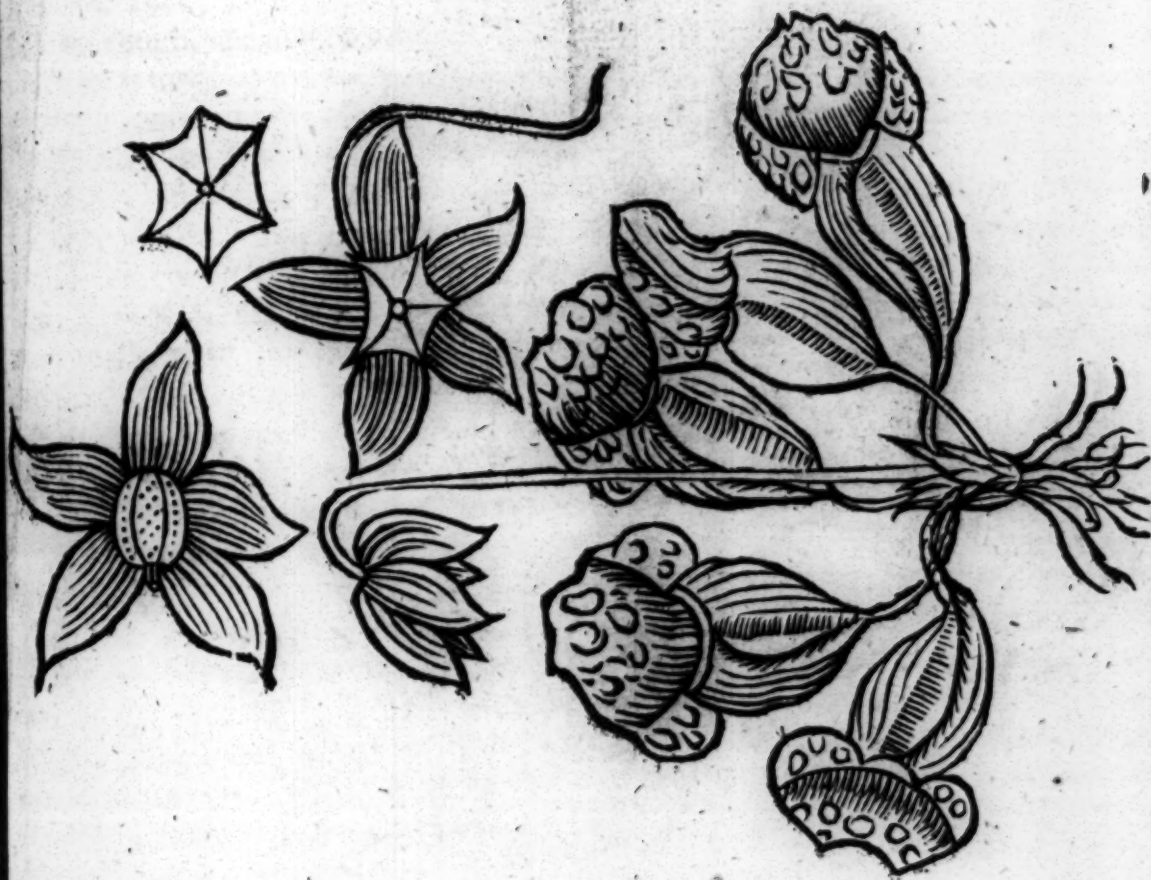
One Berry, or Herb *True Love*. See the Figure.

Tobacco, there is not much of it Planted in *New-England*; the *Indians* make use of a small kind with short round leaves called *Pooke*.

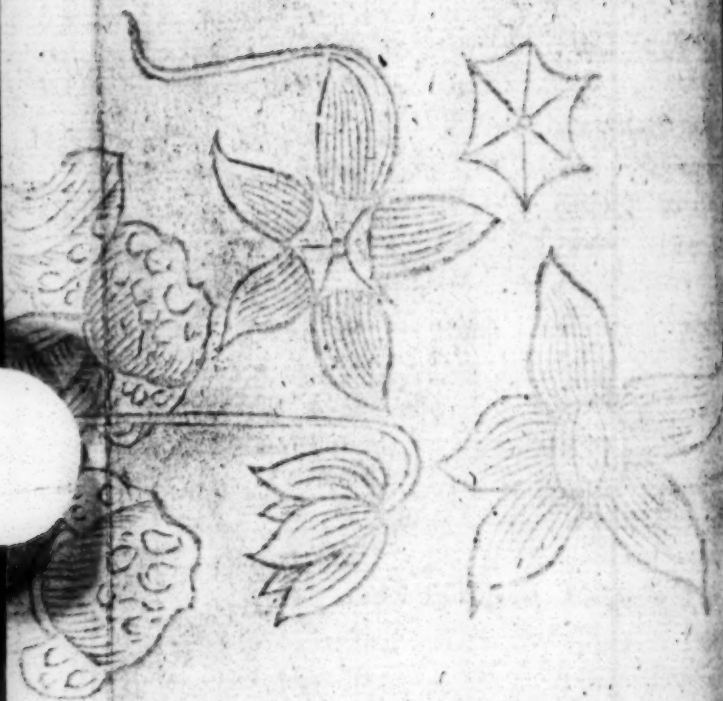
For Burns and Scalds.

With a strong decoction of *Tobacco* they Cure Burns and Scalds, boiling it in Water from a Quart to a Pint, then wash the Sore therewith, and strew on the powder of dried *Tobacco*.

Hollow Leaved Lavender, is a Plant that grows in salt Marshes overgrown with Moss, with one straight stalk about the bigness of an Oat straw, better than a Cubit high; upon the top standeth one fantasti-



Hollow Leav'd Lavender.



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fantastical Flower, the Leaves grow close from the root, in shape like a Tankard, hollow, tough, and alwayes full of Water, the Root is made up of many small strings, growing only in the Moss, and not in the Earth, the whole Plant comes to its perfection in *August*, and then it has Leaves, Stalks, and Flowers as red as blood, excepting the Flower which hath some yellow admixt. I wonder where the knowledge of this Plant hath slept all this while, i. e. above Forty Years.

For all manner of Fluxes.

It is excellent for all manner of Fluxes.

Live for ever, a kind of *Cad-weed*.

Tree Primrose, taken by the Ignorant for *Scabious*.

A Solar Plant, as some will have it.

Maiden Hair, or *Cappellus veneris verus*, which ordinarily is half a Yard in height. The *Apothecaries* for shame now will substitute *Wall-Rue* no more for *Maiden Hair*, since it grows in abundance in *New-England*, from whence they may have good store.

Pirola, Two kinds. See the Figures, both of them excellent Wound Herbs.

Homer's Molley.

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Lyfimachus, or *Loose Strife*, it grows in dry grounds in the open Sun four foot high, Flowers from the middle of the Plant to the top, the Flowers purple, standing upon a small sheath or cod, which when it is ripe breaks and puts forth a white silken down, the stalk is red, and as big as ones Finger.

Marygold of Peru, of which there are two kinds, one bearing black seeds, the other black and white streak'd, this beareth the fairest flowers, commonly but one upon the very top of the stalk.

Treacle-Berries. See before *Salomon Seal*.

Oak of Hierusalem. See before.

Oak of Cappadocea. See before.

Earth-Nuts, differing much from those in England, one sort of them bears a most beautiful Flower.

For the Scurvy and Dropsie.

Sea-Tears, they grow upon the Sea banks in abundance, they are good for the Scurvy and Dropsie, boiled and eaten in a Sallade, and the broth drunk with it.

Indian Beans, better for Physick use than other Beans.

Indian Beans, falsely called *French beans*, are better for Physick and Chyrurgery than

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than our Garden Beans. *Probatum est:*

Squashas, but more truly *Squonter squashas*, a kind of Mellon, or rather Gourd, for they oftentimes degenerate into Gourds; some of these are green, some yellow, some longish like a Gourd, others round like an Apple, all of them pleasant food boyled and buttered, and season'd with Spice; but the yellow *Squash* called an Apple *Squash*, because like an Apple, and about the bigness of a Pome-water, is the best kind; they are much eaten by the *Indians* and the *English*, yet they breed the small white Worms (which Physitians call *Ascarides*;) in the long Gut that vex the Fundament with a perpetual itching, and a desire to go to stool.

Water-Mellon, it is a large Fruit, but nothing near so big as a Pompion, colour, smother, and of a sad Grass green rounder, or more rightly *Sep-green*; with some yellowness admixt when ripe; the seeds are black, the flesh or pulpe exceeding juicy.

For heat and thirst in Feavers.

It is often given to those sick of Feavers, and other hot Diseases with good success.

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New-England Dayssie, or *Primrose*, is the second kind of *Naval Wort* in *Johnson* upon *Gerard*; it flowers in *May*, and grows amongst *Moss* upon hilly *Grounds* and *Rocks* that are shady.

For Burns and Scalds.

It is very good for Burns and Scalds.
An *Achariston*, or *Medicine* deserving thanks.

An *Indian* whose Thumb was swell'd, and very much inflamed, and full of pain, increasing and creeping along to the wrist, with little black spots under the Thumb against the Nail; I Cured it with this *Umbellicus veneris* Root and all, the Yolk of an Egg, and Wheat flower, f. *Cataplasme*.

Briony of *Peru*, (we call it though it grown hear) or rather *Scammony*; some take it for *Mechoacan*: The green Juice is absolutely Poyson; yet the Root when dry may safely be given to strong Bodies.

Red and Black Currence. See before.

Wild Damask Roses, single, but very large and sweet, but stiptick.

Sweet Fern, the Roots run one within another like a Net, being very long and spreading abroad under the upper crust of the

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the Earth, sweet in taste, but withal astringent, much hunted after by our Swine: The Scotch-men that are in New-England have told me that it grows in Scotland.

For Fluxes.

The People boyl the tender tops in Molasses Beer, and in Possets for Fluxes, for which it is excellent.

Sarsaparilia, a Plant not yet sufficiently known by the English: Some say it is a kind of Bind Weed; we have in New-England two Plants, that go under the name of *Sarsaparilia*; the one not above a foot in height without Thorns, the other having the same Leaf, but is a shrub as high as a Goose Berry Bush, and full of sharp Thorns; this I esteem as the right, by the shape and savour of the Roots, but rather by the effects answerable to that we have from other parts of the World; It groweth upon dry Sandy banks by the Sea side, and upon the banks of Rivers, so far as the Salt water flowes; and within Land up in the Country, as some have reported.

Bill Berries, two kinds, Black and Sky Coloured, which is more frequent.

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*Fair cool like heart of Feavers, and quench
Thirst.*

They are very good to allay the burning heat of Feavers, and hot Agues, either in Syrup or Conserve.

A most excellent Summer Dish.

They usually eat of them put into a Bason, with Milk, and sweetned a little more with Sugar and Spice, or for cold Stomachs, in Sack. The *Indians* dry them in the Sun, and sell them to the *English* by the Bushell, who make use of them instead of Currance, putting of them into Puddens, both boyled and baked, and into Water Grnel.

Knot Berry, or Clowde Berry, seldom ripe.

Sumach, differing from all that I did ever see in the Herbalists; our *English* Cattle devour it most abominably, leaving neither Leaf nor Branch, yet it sprouts again next Spring.

For Colds.

The *English* use to boyl it in Beer, and drink it for Colds; and so do the *Indians*, from whom the *English* had the Medicine.

Wild Cherry, they grow in clusters like Grapes,

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Grapes, of the same bigness, blackish, red when ripe, and of a harsh taste.

For Fluxes.

They are also good for Fluxes. Transplanted and manured, they grow exceeding fait.

Board Pine, is a very large Tree two or three Fathom about.

For Wounds.

It yields a very soveraign Turpentine for the Curing of desperate Wounds.

For Stabbs.

The Indians make use of the Moss boiled in Spring Water, for Stabbs, pouring in the Liquor, and applying the boiled Moss well stamp'd or beaten betwixt two stones.

For Burning and Scalding.

And for Burning and Scalding, they first take out the fire with a strong decoction of Alder Bark, then they lay upon it a Playster of the Bark of *Board Pine* first boyled tender, and beat to a Playster betwixt two stones.

To take Fire out of a Burne.

One Christopher Luke, a Fisher-man, having burnt his Knee Pan, was healed again

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again by an *Indian Webb*, or Wife, (for so they call those Women that have Husbands;) She first made a strong decoction of Alder bark, with which she took out the Fire by Imbrocation, or letting of it drop upon the Sore, which would smooke notably with it; then she Playstered it with the Bark of *Board Pine*, or *Hemlock Tree*, boyled soft and stamp betwixt two stones, till it was as thin as brown Paper, and of the same Colour, she annointed the Playster with *Soyles Oyl*, and the Sore likewise, then she laid it on warm, and sometimes she made use of the bark of the *Larch Tree*.

To eat out proud Flesh in a Sore.

And to eat out the proud Flesh, they take a kind of *Earth Nut* boyled and stamped, and last of all, they apply to the Sore the Roots of *Water Lillies* boyled and stamped betwixt two stones, to a Playster.

For Stitches.

The *Firr Tree*, or *Pitch Tree*, the Tar that is made of all sorts of *Pitch Wood* is an excellent thing to take away those desperate Stitches of the Sides, which perpetually afflicteth those poor People that are stricken

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Stricken with the *Plague of the Back*.

Note, You must make a large Toast, or Cake slit and dip it in the Tar, and bind it warm to the Side.

The most common Diseases in New England.

The *Black Pox*, the *Spotted Fever*, the *Gripping of the Guts*, the *Dropsie*, and the *Sciatica*, are the killing Diseases in *New-England*.

The *Larch Tree*, which is the only Tree of all the Pines, that sheds his Leaves before Winter; The other remaining Green all the Year: This is the Tree from which we gather that useful purging excrense *Agarick*.

For Wounds and Cuts.

The Leaves and Gum are both very good to heal Wounds and Cuts.

For Wounds with Bruises.

I Cured once a desperate Bruise with a Cut upon the Knee Pan, with an Ungent made with the Leaves of the *Larch Tree*, and Hogs Grease, but the Gum is best.

Spruce is a goodly Tree, of which they make Masts for Ships, and Sail Yards: It is generally conceived by those that have

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skill in Building of Ships, that here is absolutely the best Trees in the World; many of them being three Fathom about, and of great length.

An Achariston for the Scurvy.

The tops of Green Spruce Boughs boiled in Bear, and drunk, is assuredly one of the best Remedies for the Scurvy; restoring the Infected party in a short time; they also make a Lotion of some of the decoction, adding Hony and Allum,

Hemlock Tree, a kind of Spruce, the bark of this Tree serves to dye Tawny; the Fishers Tan their Sails and Nets with it.

To break Sore or Swelling.

The Indians break and heal their Swellings and Sores with it, boyling the inner Bark of young Hemlock very well, then knocking of it betwixt two stones to a Playster, and annointing or soaking it in Soyls Oyl, they apply it to the Sore: It will break a Sore Swelling speedily.

One Berry, Herba Paris, or True Love.

Sassafras, or Ague Tree.

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For heat in Feavers.

The Chips of the Root boyled in Beer is excellent to allay the hot rage of Feavers, being drunk; For Bruises and dry Blows.

The Leaves of the same Tree are very good made into an Oynment, for Bruises and dry Blows. The Bark of the Root we use instead of Cinamon; and it is Sold at the Barbadoes for two Shillings the Pound.

And why may not this be the Bark the Jesuits Powder was made of, that was so Famous not long since in England, for Agues?

Crane Berry, Moor Berry, &c. is a small trayling Plant that grows in salt Marshes that are over-grown with Moss; the tender Branches (which are reddish) run out in great length, lying flat on the ground, where at distances, they take Root, over-spreading sometimes half a score Acres, sometimes in small patches of about a Rood or the like; the Leaves are like Box, but greener, thick and glistering; the Blossoms are very like the Flowers of

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our *English Night Shade*, after which succeed the Berries, hanging by long small foot stalks, no bigger than a hair, at first they are of a pale yellow Colour, afterwards red, and as big as a Cherry; some perfectly round, others Oval, all of them hollow, of a sower astringent taste; they are ripe in *August* and *September*.

For the Scurvy.

They are excellent against the Scurvy.

For the heat in Fevers.

They are also good to allay the fervour of hot Diseases.

The *Indians* and *English* use them much, boyling them with Sugar for Sauce to eat with their Meat; and it is a delicate Sauce, especially for roasted Mutton: Some make Tarts with them as with Goose Berries.

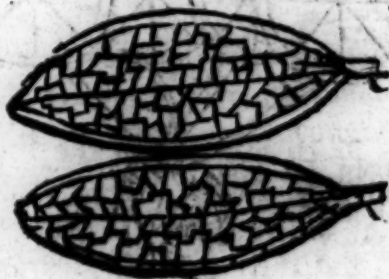
Vine, much differing in the Fruit, all of them very fleshy, some reasonably pleasant; others have a taste of Gun Powder, and these grow in Swamps, and low wet Grounds.

3. Of such Plants as are proper to the Country, and have no Name.

(1.)

Pirola, or Winter Green, that kind which grows with us in England is common in New-England, but there is another plant which I judge to be a kind of *Pirola*, and proper to this Country, a very beautiful Plant; The shape of the Leaf and the just bigness of it you may see in the Figure.

The Leaf of the Plant judged to be a kind of *Pirola*.



The Ground whereof is a Sap Green; embroydered (as it were) with many pale yellow Ribs, the whole Plant in shape is like

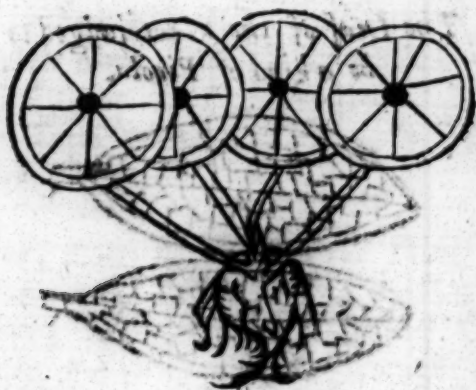
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like *Semper vivum*, but far less, being not above a handful high, with one slender stalk, adorned with small pale yellow Flowers like the other *Pirola*. It groweth not every where, but in some certain small spots overgrown with Moss, close by Swamps and shady; they are green both Summer and Winter.

For wounds.

They are excellent Wound Herbs, but this I judge to be the better by far.

Probatum est.



2.

This Plant was brought to me by a neighbour, who (wandering in the Woods to find out his strayed Cattle,) lost himself for

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for two Dayes, being as he ghesled eight or ten Miles from the Sea-side. The Root was pretty thick and black, having a number of small black strings growing from it, the stalks of the Leaves about a hand-ful long, the Leaves were round and as big as a Silver five Shilling piece, of a sap or dark green Colour, with a line or ribb as black as Jeat round the Circumference, from whence came black lines or ribs at equal distance, all of them meeting in a black spot in the Center. If I had staid longer in the Country, I should have purposely made a Journey into those Parts where it was gathered, to discover if possible, the Stalk and Flower; but now I shall refer it to those that are younger, and better able to undergo the pains and trouble of finding it out; for I understood by the Natives, that it is not common, that is, every where to be found, no more then the embroydered *Pirola*, which also is a most elegant Plant, and which I did endeavour to bring over, but it perished at Sea.

For Wounds.

Clownes all heal, of *New-England*, is another Wound Herb, not inferior to ours,

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ours, but rather beyond it: Some of our *English* practitioners take it for *Vervenc*, and use it for the same, wherein they are grossly mistaken.

The Leaf is like a Nettle Leaf, but narrower and longer; the stalk about the bigness of a Nettle stalk, Champhered and hollow, and of a dusky red Colour; the Flowers are blew, small, and many, growing in spoky tufts at the top, and are not hooded, but having only four round Leaves, after which followeth an infinite of small longish light brown Seed; the Roots are knotty and matted together with an infinite number of small white strings; the whole Plant is commonly two Cubits high, bitter in taste, with a Rosenie favour.

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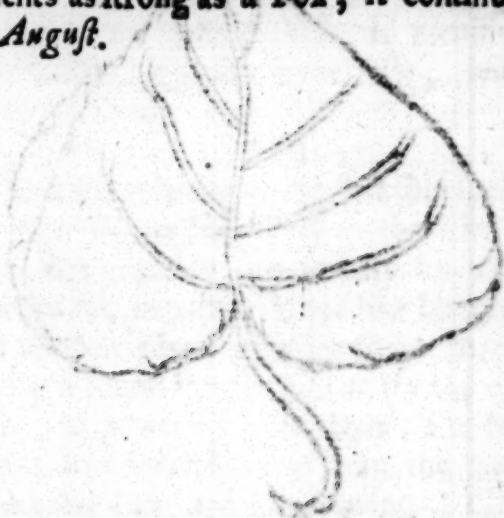
This Plant is one of the first that springs up after White *Hellibore*, in the like wet and black grounds, commonly by *Hellibore*, with a sheath or Hood like Dragons, but the pestle is of another shape, that is, having a round Purple Ball on the top of it, beset (as it were) with Bars; the hood shoots forth immediately from the Root, before any Leaf appears, having a Green
sprig

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spring growing fast by it, like the smaller *Horse Tyl*, about the latter end of *April* the Hood and Sprig wither away, and there comes forth in the room a Bud, like the Bud of the *Walnut Tree*, but bigger; the top of it is of a pale Green Colour, covered with brown skins like an Onion, white underneath the Leaves, which spread in time out of the Bud, grow from the root with a stalk a Foot long, and are as big as the great *Bar Dock* Leaves, and of the colour; the Roots are many; and of the bigness of the steel of a Tobacco Pipe, and very white; the whole Plant sents as strong as a Fox; it continues till *August*.



A Branch of the Humming Bird Tree.



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(4.)

This Plant the *Humming Bird* feedeth upon, it groweth likewise in wet grounds, and is not at its full growth till *July*, and then it is two Cubits high and better, the Leaves are thin, and of a pale green Colour, some of them as big as a Nettle Leaf, it spreads into many Branches, knotty at the setting on, and of a purple Colour, and garnished on the top with many hollow dangling Flowers of a bright yellow Colour, speckled with a deeper yellow as it were shadowed, the Stalkes are as hollow as a Kix, and so are the Roots, which are transparent, very tender, and and full of a yellowish juice.

For Bruises and Aches upon stroaks.

The *Indians* make use of it for Aches, being bruised between two stones, and laid to cold but made (after the *English* manner) into an unguent with Hogs Grease, there is not a more soveraign remedy for bruises of what kind soever; and for Aches upon Stroaks.

In *August*, 1670. in a Swamp amongst *Alders*, I found a sort of Tree Sow Thistle, the Stalks of some two or three Inches, about,

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about, as hollow as a Kix and very brittle, the Leaves were smooth, and in shape like *Sonchus levis*, i. e. *Hares Lettice*, but longer, some about a Foot, these grow at a distance one from another, almost to the top, where it begins to put forth Flowers between the Leaves and the Stalk, the top of the stalk runs out into a spike, beset about with Flowers like Sow Thistle, of a blew or azure colour: I brought home one of the Plants which was between twelve and thirteen Foot in length, I wondered at it the more for that so large and tall a Plant should grow from so small a Root, consisting of slender white strings little bigger than Bents, and not many of them, and none above a Finger long, spreading under the upper crust of the Earth; the whole Plant is full of Milk, and of a strong favour.

(5.)

This Plant I found in a gloomy dry Wood under an Oak, 1670. the 18th of August, afterwards I found it in open Champain grounds, but yet somewhat scarce: The Root is about the bigness of a French Walnut, the Bark thereof is

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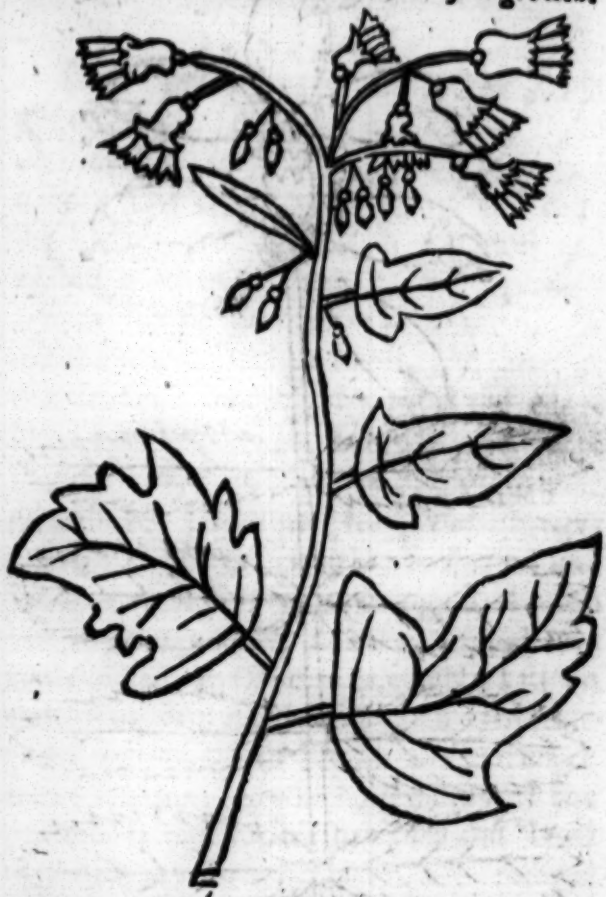
The Plant when it springs up first.

brown, and rugged, within of a yellowish Colour, from whence ariseth a slender stalk, no bigger than an Oat straw, about two Cubits in height, somewhat better then a handful above the Root shooteth out one Leaf of a Grasse Green colour, and an Inch or two above that, another Leaf, and so four or five at a greater distance one from another, till they come within a handful of the top, where upon slender foot stalks grow the Flowers four or five, more or fewer, clustering together in pale long green husks milk white, consisting of ten small Leaves, snipt a little on the edges with

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The Figure of the Plant when it is at full growth.

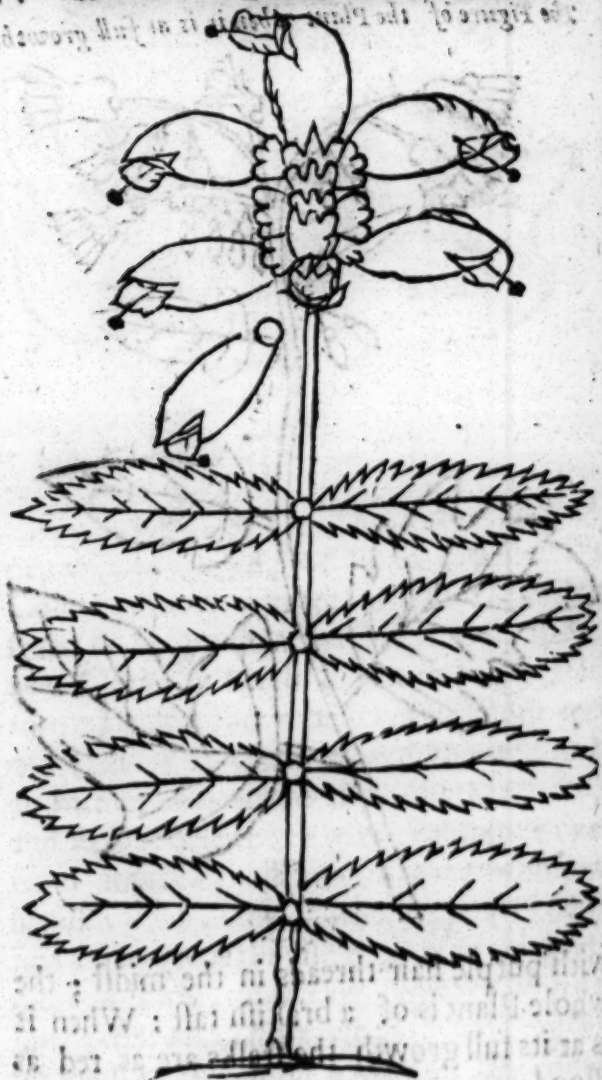


with purple hair threads in the midst ; the whole Plant is of a brakish tast : When it is at its full growth the stalks are as red as Blood.

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(6.)

This Plant Flowers in *August*, and grows in wet Ground; it is about three or four foot in height, having a square slender stalk chamfered, hollow and ruff, the Leaves grow at certain distances one against another, of the colour of *Eggrimony* Leaves sharpe pointed, broadest in the midst about an Inch and half, and three or four Inches in length, snipt about the edges like a Nettle Leat, at the top of the Stalk for four or five Inches thick, set with pale green husks, out of which the Flowers grow, consisting of one Leaf, shaped like the head of a Serpent, opening at the top like a mouth, and hollow throughout, containing four crooked pointels, and on the top of every pointel a small glistering green button, covered with a little white woolly matter, by which they are with the pointels fastened close together and shore up the tip of the upper chap, the crooked pointels are very stiff and hard, from the bottom of the husks, wherein the Flower stands, from the top of the Seed Vessel, shoots out a white thread which runs in at the bottom of the Flower, and so

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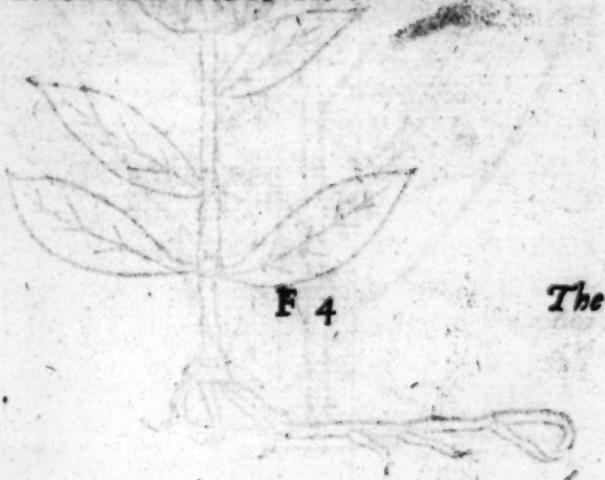
out at the mouth; the whole Flower is milk white, the inside of the chaps reddish, the Root I did not observe.



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(7.)

This Plant I take for a varigated Herb *Paris*, *True Love* or *One Berry*, or rather *One Flower*, which is milk white, and made up with four Leaves, with many black threads in the middle, upon every thread grows a Berry (when the Leaves of the Flower are fallen) as big as a white pease, of a light red colour when they are ripe, and clustering together in a round form as big as a Pullets Egg, which at distance shews but as one Berry, very pleasant in taste, and not unwholsome; the Root, Leaf, and Flower differ not from our *English* kind, and their time of blooming and ripening agree, and therefore doubtless a kind of *Herba Paris*.



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The small Sun Flower, or Marygold of America.





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(8.)

This Plant is taken by our Simplists to be a kind of *Golden Rod*, by others for *Sarazens Confound*, I judge it to be a kind of small *Sun Flower*, or *Marygold* of the *West Indies*; the Root is brown and slender, a foot and half in length, running a slope under the upper face of the Earth, with some strings here and there, the stalk as big as the steal of a Tobacco pipe, full of pith, commonly brownish, sometimes purple, three or four foot high, the Leaves grow at a distance one against another, rough, hard, green above, and gray underneath, slightly snipt and the ribs appear most on the back side of the Leaf, the Flower is of a bright yellow, with little yellow cups in the midst, as in the *Marygold* of *Peru*, with black threads in them with yellow pointels, the Flower spreads it self abroad out of a cup made up of many green beards, nor unlike a Thistle; Within a handful of the top of the stalk (when the Flower is fallen, growes an excrese or knob as big as a Walnut, which being broken yieldeth a kind of *Turpentine* or rather *Rosen*.

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What Cutchenele is.

The stalk beneath and above the knob, covered with a multitude of small Bugs, about the bigness of a great flea, which I presume will make good *Cutchenele*, ordered as they should be before they come to have Wings: They make a perfect Scarlet Colour to Paint with, and durable.

4. Of such Plants as have sprung up since the English Planted and kept Cattle in New-England.

Couch Grass.

Shepherds Purse.

Dandelion.

Groundsel.

Sow Thistle.

Wild Arrach.

Night Shade, with the white Flower.

Nettlesstinging, which was the first Plant taken notice of.

Mallowes.

Plantain,

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Plantain, which the *Indians* call *English Mans Foot*, as though produced by their treading.

Black Henbane.

Wormwood.

Sharp pointed Dock.

Patience.

Bloodwort.

'And I suspect *Adders Tongue.*

Knot Grass.

Cheek weed.

Compherie, with the white Flower.

May weed, excellent for the Mother; some of our *English* Housewives call it *Iron Wort*, and make a good Unguent for old Sores.

The great *Clot Burr.*

Mullin, with the white Flower.

2. What became of the influence of those Planets that produce and govern these Planets before this time!

I have now done with such Plants as grow wild in the Country in great plenty, (although I have not mentioned all) I shall now in the Fifth place give you to understand

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stand what *English* Herbs we have growing in our Gardens that prosper there as well as in their proper Soil, and of such as do not, and also of such as will not grow there at all.

5. Of such Garden Herbs (amongst us) as do thrive there, and of such as do not.

CAbbage growes there exceeding well.

Lettice.

Sorrel.

Parsley.

Marygold.

French Mallows

Chervel.

Burnet.

Winter Savory.

Summer Savory.

Time.

Sage.

Carrats.

Parsnips of a prodigious size.

Red Beetes.

Radishes.

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Radishes.

Turnips.

Purslain.

Wheat.

Rye.

Barley, which commonly degenerates
into *Oats*.

Oats.

Pease of all sorts, and the best in the
World; I never heard of, nor did see in
eight Years time, one Worm eaten *Pea*,

Garden Beans.

Naked Oats, there called *Sispeo*, an
excellent grain used instead of *Oat Meal*,
they dry it in an Oven, or in a Pan upon
the fire, then beat it small in a Mortar.

Another standing Dish in New-England.

And when the Milk is ready to boil,
they put into a pottle of Milk about ten
or twelve spoonfuls of this Meal, so boil
it leasurely, stirring of it every foot, lest
it burn too; when it is almost boiled
enough, they hang the Kettle up higher,
and let it stew only, in short time it will
thicken like a Custard; they season it
with

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with a little Sugar and Spice, and so serve it to the Table in deep Basons, and it is altogether as good as a White-pot.

For People weakned with long Sickness.

It exceedingly nourisheth and strengthens people weakned with long Sickness.

Sometimes they make Water Gruel with it, and sometimes thicken their Flesh Broth either with this or *Homminney*, if it be for Servants.

Spear Mint.

Rew, will hardly grow.

Fetherfew prospereth exceedingly.

Southern Wood, is no Plant for this Country. Nor,

Rosemary. Nor

Bayes.

White Satten groweth pretty well, so doth

Lavender Coston. But

Lavender is not for the climate.

Penny Royal.

Smalledge.

Ground Ivy, or *Ale Hoof*.

Gilly Flowers will continue two Years.

Fennel.

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Fennel must be taken up, and kept in a warm Cellar all Winter.

Housleek prospereth notably.

Holly hocks.

Enula Campana, in two Years time the Roots rot.

Comferie, with white Flowers.

Coriander, and

Dill. and

Annis thrive exceedingly, but *Annis* Seed, as also the Seed of *Fennel* seldom come to maturity; the Seed of *Annis* is commonly eaten with a fly.

Clary never lasts but one Summer, the Roots rot with the Frost.

Sparagus thrives exceedingly, so does *Garden Sorrel*, and

Sweet Bryer, or *Eglantine*.

Bloodwort but sorrily, but

Patience, and

English Roses, very pleasantly.

Celandine, by the West Country men called *Kenning Wort*, grows but slowly.

Muschata, as well as in *England*.

Dittander, or *Pepper Wort*, flourisheth notably, and so doth.

Tansie.

Musk Mellons are better then our *English*, and.

Cucum

Cucumbers.

Pompions, there be of several kinds, some proper to the Country, they are dryer then our *English* Pompions, and better tasted; you may eat them green.

The ancient New-England standing Dish.

But the Housewives manner is to slice them when ripe, and cut them into dice, and so fill a pot with them of two or three Gallons, and stew them upon a gentle fire a whole day, and as they sink, they fill again with fresh Pompions, not putting any liquor to them; and when it is stew'd enough, it will look like bak'd Apples; this they Dish; putting Butter to it, and a little Vinegar, (with some Spice, as Ginger, &c.) which makes it tart like an Apple, and so serve it up to be eaten with Fish or Flesh: It provokes Urin extreamly and is very windy.

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Sixthly

Sixthly and lastly ,

Of Stones, Minerals, Metals and Earths.

AS first, the *Emerald* which grows in flat Rocks, and is very good.

Rubies, which here are very watry.

I have heard a story of an *Indian*, that found a stone, up in the Country, by a great Pond as big as an Egg, that in a dark Night would give a light to read by; but I take it to be but a story.

Diamond, which are very brittle, and therefore of little worth.

Crystal, called by our West Country Men the *Kenning Stone*; by *Sebegug Pond* is found in considerable quantity, not far from thence is a Rock of *Crystal* called the *Moose Rock*, because in shape like a *Moose*, and

Muscovy Glass, both white and purple of reasonable content.

Black Lead.

Bole Armoniack.

Red

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Red and Yellow Oker.

Terra Sigilla.

Varrol.

Antimony.

Arsnick, too much.

Lead.

Tin.

Tin Glasse.

Silver.

Iron, in abundance, and as good bog Iron as any in the World.

Copper. It is reported that the French have a Copper Mine at *Port Royal*, that yieldeth them twelve Ounces of pure Copper out of a Pound of *Oar*.

I shall conclude this Section with a strange Cure effected upon a Drummers Wife; much afflicted with a WOLF in her Breast; the poor Woman lived with her Husband at a Town called by the *Indians*, *Casco*, but by the *English*, *Famouth*, where for some time she swaged the Pain of her Sore, by bathing it with strong Malt Beer, which it would

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suck in greedily, as if some living Creature: When she could come by no more Beer, (for it was brought from *Boston*, along the Coasts by Merchants,) she made use of *Rhum*, a strong Water drawn from Sugar Canes, with which it was lull'd a sleep; at last, (to be rid of it altogether) she put a quantity of *Arsnick* to the *Rhum*, and bathing of it as formerly, she utterly destroyed it, and Cured her self; but her kind Husband, who sucked out the Poyson as the Sore was healing, lost all his Teeth, but without further danger or inconvenience.

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THe *Star Fish*, having fine points like a Star, the whole Fish no bigger then the Palm of a Mans hand, of a tough substance like leather, and about an Inch in thickness, whitish underneath, and of the Colour of a Cucumber above, and somewhat ruff: When it is warm in ones hand, you may perceive a stiff motion, turning down one point, and thrusting up another: It is taken to be poysonous, they are very common, and found thrown up on the Rocks by the Sea side.

Sea Bream, which are plentifully taken upon the Sea Coasts, their Eyes are accounted rare Meats, whereupon the proverbial comparison, *It is worth a Sea Breams Eye.*

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Blew Fish, or *Horse*, I did never see any of them in *England*; they are as big usually as the *Salmon*, and better Meat by far: It is common in *New-England* and esteemed the best sort of Fish next to *Rock Cod*.

Cat Fish, having a round Head, and great glaring Eyes like a Cat: They lye for the most part in holes of Rocks, and are discovered by their Eyes: It is an excellent Fish.

Munk Fish, a flat Fish like *Scate*, having a hood like a *Fryers Cowl*.

Clams, or *Clamp*, a kind of *Shell Fish*, a white *Muscle*.

An Achariston, For Pin and Web.

Sheath Fish, which are there very plentiful, a delicate Fish, as good as a *Prawn*, covered with a thin Shell like the sheath of a Knife, and of the colour of a *Muscle*.

Which Shell Calcin'd and Pulveriz'd, is excellent to take off a Pin and Web, or any

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any kind of Filme growing over the Eye.

Morse, or *Sea Horse*, having a great Head, wide Jaws, armed with Tusks as white as Ivory, of body as big as a Cow, proportioned like a Hog, of brownish bay; smooth skin'd and impenetrable; they are frequent at the Isle of *Sables*, their Teeth are worth eight Groats the Pound; the best Ivory being Sold but for half the Money.

For Poyson.

It is very good against Poyson.

For the Cramp.

As also for the Cramp, made into Rings.

For the Piles.

And a secret for the *Piles*, if a wise Man have the ordering of it.

The *Manaty*, a Fish as big as a Wine pipe, most excellent Meat, bred in the Rivers of *Hispaniola* in the *West Indies*; it hath Teats, and nourisheth its young ones with Milk; it is of a green Colour, and tasteth like Veal.

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For the Stone Collick.

There is a Stone taken out of the Head that is rare for the Stone and Collick.

To provoke Urine.

Their Bones beat to a Powder and drank with convenient Liquors, is a gallant Urin provoking Medicine.

For Wound and Bruise.

An Indian, whose Knee was bruised with a fall, and the Skin and Flesh strip'd down to the middle of the Calf of his Leg; Cured himself with *Water Lilly* Roots boyled and stamped.

For Swellings of the Foot.

An Indian Webb, her Foot being very much swell'd and inflamed, asswaged the swelling, and took away the inflammation with our Garden or *English Patience*, the Roots roasted. f. Cataplas. Anno 1670. June 28.

To dissolve a Scirrhus Tumour.

An Indian dissolv'd a *Scirrhus Tumour* in the Arm and Hip, with a fomentation of Tobacco, applying afterwards the Herb stamp'd betwixt two stones.



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DESCRIPTION

OF AN

INDIAN SQUA.

NOW (gentle Reader) having trespassed upon your patience a long while in the perusing of these rude Observations, I shall, to make you amends, present you by way of Divertisement, or Recreation, with a Coppy of Verses made sometime since upon the Picture of a young and handsome Gypsie, not improperly transferred upon the *Indian SQUA*, or Female *Indian*, trick'd up in all her bravery.

The Men are somewhat Horse Fac'd, and generally Faucious, i. e. without Beards; but the Women many of them have

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have very good Features; seldome without a *Come to me*, or *Cos Amoris*, in their Countenance; all of them black Eyed, having even short Teeth, and very white; their Hair black, thick and long, broad Breasted; handsome streight Bodies, and slender, considering their constant loose habit: Their limbs cleanly, straight, and of a convenient stature, generally, as plump as Partridges, and saving here and there one, of a modest deportment.

Their Garments are a pair of Sleeves of Deer, or Moose skin drest, and drawn with lines of several Colours into Asiatick Works, with Buskins of the same, a short Mantle of Trading Cloath, either Blew or Red, fastened with a knot under the Chin, and girt about the middle with a Zone, wrought with white and blew Beads into pretty Works; of these Beads they have Bracelets for their Neck and Arms, and Links to hang in their Ears, and a fair Table curiously made up with Beads likewise, to wear before their Breast; their Hair they Combe backward, and tye it up short with a Border, about two handfulls broad, wrought

wrought in Works as the other with their
Beads: But enough of this.

The POEM.

W Hether White or Black be best
Call your Senses to the quest ;
And your touch shall quickly tell
The Black in softness doth excel,

And in smoothness ; but the Ear,

What, can that a Colour hear?

No, but 'tis your Black ones Wit

That doth catch, and captive it.

And if Slut and Fair be one,

Sweet and Fair, there can be none :

Nor can ought so please the tast

As what's brown and lovely drest :

And who'll say, that that is best

To please ones Sense, displease the rest ?

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Maugre then all that can be sed

In flattery of White and Red:

Those flatterers themselves must say

That darkness was before the Day:

And such perfection here appears

Is neither Wind nor Sun-shine fears.

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A
Chronological TABLE
Of the most remarkable pas-
sages in that part of America,
known to us by the name of
NEW-ENGLAND.

A *Nno Dom. 1492. Christ. Columbus*
discovered *America.*

1516. The Voyage of *Sir Thomas*
Pert, Vice Admiral of *England*, and
Sir Sebastian Cabota to *Brazile*, &c.

1527. *New-found-Land*, discovered
by the *English*.

1577. *Sir Francis Drake* began his
Voyage about the World.

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1535. *Nova Albion* discovered by Sir Francis Drake, and by him so Named.

1585. April 9. Sir Richards Greenevile was sent by Sir Water Rawleigh with a Fleet of Seven Sail to *Virginia*, and was stiled the General of *Virginia*.

1586. Captain Thomas Candish, a *Saffolk* Gentleman, began his Voyage round about the World, with three Ships past the Streights of *Magellan*, burn'd and ransack'd in the entry of *Chile*, *Pern*; and *New-Spain*, near the great Island *California* in the South Sea; and returned to *Plymouth* with a precious Booty *Anno Dom.* 1588. September the 8th; being the third since *Magellan* that circuited the Earth.

1588. Sir Walter Rawleigh first discovered *Virginia*, by him so Named; in honour of our Virgin Queen.

1595. Sir Walter Rawleigh discovered *Guiana*.

1606.

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1606. A Collony sent to *Virginia*.

1614. *Bermudas* Planted.

1618. The blazing Star, then *Plymouth* Plantation began in *New-England*.

1628. The *Massachusetts* Colony Planted, and *Salem* the first Town therein Built.

1629. The first Church gathered in this Colony was at *Salem*; from which Year to this present Year, is 43 Years.

In the compass of these Years, in this Colony, there hath been gathered Forty Churches, and 120 Towns built in all the Colonies of *New-England*.

The Church of Christ at *Plymouth*, was Planted in *New-England* Eight Years before others.

1630. The Governour and Assistants arrived

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arrived with their Patent for the *Massachusetts*.

1630. The Lady *Arabella* in *New-England*.

1630. When the Government was established, they Planted on *Noddles Island*.

1631. Captain *John Smith* Governour of *Virginia*, and Admiral of *New-England*, Dyed.

1631. Mr. *Mavericks* Minister at *Dorchester* in *New-England*.

1631. *John Winthorpe* Esq; chosen the first time Governour, he was eleven times Governour; some say Nineteen times; eleven Years together; the other Years by intermission.

1631. *John Wilson* Pastor of *Charles Town*.

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1630. Sir R. Saltinghall at Water Town
came into New-England.

1631. Mr. Rog. Harlackinden was a
Magistrate, and a Leader of their Military
Forces.

Dr. Willson gave 1000 l. to New-Eng-
land, with which they stored themselves
with great Guns.

1633. Mr. Thomas Hooker, Mr. Haynes,
and Mr. John Cotton, came over together
in one Ship.

1634. The Country was really placed
in a posture of War, to be in readiness at
all times.

1635. Hugh Peters went over for
New-England.

1636. Connecticut Colony Planted.

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1638 New-Englands Battles.

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1637. The *Pequites* Wars, in which were Slain Five or Six Hundred *Indians*.

Ministers that have come from *England*, chiefly in the Ten first Years, Ninety Four: Of which returned Twenty Seven: Dyed in the Country Thirty Six: Yet alive in the Country Thirty One.

The Number of Ships that transported Passengers to *New-England* in these times, was 298. supposed: Men, Women, and Children, as near as can be ghesse'd 21200.

1637. The first Synod at *Cambridge* in *New-England*, where the *Antinomian* and *Famalistical* Errors were confuted; 80 Errors now amongst the *Massachusetts*.

1638. *New-Haven* Colony began.

Mrs. *Hutchinson* and her erroneous companions banished the *Massachusetts* Colony.

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A terrible Earth quake throughout the Country.

Mr. John Harvard, the Founder of Harvard College (at Cambridge in New-England) Deceased, gave 700 l. to the Erecting of it.

1639. First Printing at Cambridge in New-England.

1639. A very sharp Winter in New-England.

1642. Harvard College Founded with a publick Library.

Ministers bred in New-England, and (excepting about 10,) in Harvard College 132; of which dyed in the Country 10; now living 81; removed to England 41.

1643. The first combination of the Four United Colonies, viz. Plymouth, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New-Haven.

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1646. The second Synod at Cambridge touching the duty and power of Magistrates in matters of Religion: Secondly, the nature and power of Synods.

Mr. Eliot first Preached to the Indians in their Native Language.

1647. Mr. Thomas Hooker Died.

1648. The third Synod at Cambridge, publishing the Platform of Discipline.

1649. Mr. John Winthorpe Governour, now Died.

This Year a strange multitude of Caterpillars in New-England.

Thrice seven Years after the Planting of the English in New-England, the Indians of Massachusetts being 30000 able Men were brought to 300.

1651. Hugh Peters, and Mr. Wells came for England.

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1652. Mr. John Cotton Dyed.

1653. The great Fire in Boston in New-England.

Mr. Thomas Dudley, Governour of the Massachusetts, Dyed this Year.

1654. Major Gibbons Died in New-England.

1655. Jamaica Taken by the English.

1657. The Quakers arrived in New-England, at Plymouth.

1659. Mr. Henry Dunster the first President of Harvard College now Dyed.

1661. Major Atherton Dyed in New-England.

1663. Mr. John Norton Pastor of Boston in New-England, Dyed suddenly.

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Mr. *Samuel Stove*, Teacher of *Hartford* Church, Dyed this Year.

1664. The whole *Bible* Printed in the *Indian* Language finished.

The *Manadaes*, called *New Amsterdam*, now called *New York*; surrendered up to His Majesties Commissioners (for the settling of the respective Colonies in *New-England*, viz. Sir *Robert Carr*, Collonel *Nicols*, Collonel *Cartwright*, and Mr. *Samuel Mavericke*,) in *September*; after thirteen Dayes the Fort of *Aranian*, now *Albania*; twelve Dayes after that, the Fort *Amfapha*; then *de la Ware* Castle Map'd with *Dutch* and *Sweeds*; the Three first Forts and Towns being Built upon the great River *Mohegan*, otherwise called *Hudsons River*.

In *September* appeared a great Comet for the space of three Months.

1665. Mr. *John Indicot*, Governour of the *Massachusetts* Dyed.

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A thousand Foot sent this Year by the French King to *Canada*.

Captain *Davenport* killed with Lightning at the Castle by *Boston* in *New-England*, and several Wounded.

1666. The *Small Pox* at *Boston*. Seven slain by Lightning, and divers Burnt: This Year also *New-England* had cast away, and taken 31 Vessels, and some in 1667.

1667. Mr. *John Wilson* Pastor of *Boston* Dyed, aged 79 Years.

1670. At a place called *Kenibunck*, which is in the Province of *Meyne*, a Colony belonging to the Heir of that Honourable Knight Sir *Ferdinando Gorges*; not far from the River side, a piece of Clay Ground was thrown up by a Mineral vapour (as we supposed) over the tops of high Oaks that grew between it and the River, into the River, stopping the course thereof, and leaving a hole two Yards square, wherein were thousands of Clay

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Clay Bullets as big as Musquet Bullets,
and pieces of Clay in shape like the Barrel
of a Musquet.

1671. Elder Penn dyed at Boston.

1672. Mr. Richard Bellingham, Go-
vernour of the Massachusetts in New-
England.

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